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SUBJ: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS: PRESS COVERAGE OF U.S. NOTE,
DE OLLOQUI SPEECH

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1. MAJOR MEXICO CITY DAILIES REPORTED AUGUST 7 ON SUBSTANCE OF U.S. NOTE ON ILLEGALS. MOST PAPERS ALSO REPORTED -- SOME IN SIDE-BY-SIDE TREATMENT -- AUGUST 6 SPEECH BY AMB. DE OLLOQUI IN SAN FRANCISCO. NOTABLE EXCEPTION TO FOREGOING WAS INFLUENTIAL EXCELSIOR WHICH COVERED DE OLLOQUI SPEECH BUT NOT U.S. NOTE. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT THUS FAR. OFFICIAL PRESS ORGAN NACIONAL, IN CONTRAST, COVERED U.S. NOTE BUT NOT DE OLLOQUI SPEECH.

2. COVERAGE WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD. NACIONAL AND RADICAL LEFTIST EL DIA PRINTED TEXT OF RELEASE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY AS WELL AS SUMMARY ARTICLE. EMPHASIS IN HEADLINES WAS, OF COURSE, ON NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO GOM'S BID FOR NEW BRACERO AGREEMENT. EL SOL DE MEXICO DISTORTED RESPONSE IN MINOR DEGREE, WITH SUB-HEAD INDICATING "PERSECUTION AND DEPORTATIONS WILL CONTINUE."

3. DE OLLOQUI'S SAN FRANCISCO SPEECH, WHICH BY COINCIDENCE
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REACHED PRESS SAME DAY AS COVERAGE ON U.S. RESPONSE TO

FONSEC NOTE, CALLED FOR A NEW BRACERO AGREEMENT ("WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY") AND HARPED ON DE OLLOQUIT'S NOTION THAT OPPOSITION TO A NEW AGREEMENT IN U.S. EXISTS ONLY WITHIN U.S. LABOR MOVEMENT. HE AGAIN SUGGESTS THAT A NEW AGREEMENT COULD PROVIDE THAT BRACEROS BECOME MEMBERS OF U.S. UNIONS. ON BALANCE, DE OLLOQUIT'S SPEECH SEEMS OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS AND SOMEWHAT IRRELEVANT IN LIGHT OF U.S. RESPONSE ON THIS ISSUE.

4. COMMENT: COVERAGE OF U.S. POSITION THUS FAR HAS BEEN GENERALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD. ELEVATED TONE OF U.S. RESPONSE, EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL, AND PRESENTATION OF FACTS SHOULD HAVE WHOLESOME EFFECT ON FUTURE MEDIA TREATMENT OF THIS ISSUE, THOUGH SOME EDITORIALISTS AND COLUMNISTS WILL, PREDICTABLY, BE CRITICAL OF U.S.

5. TEXT OF EMBASSY RELEASE BEING POUCHED TO ARA/MEX.
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